

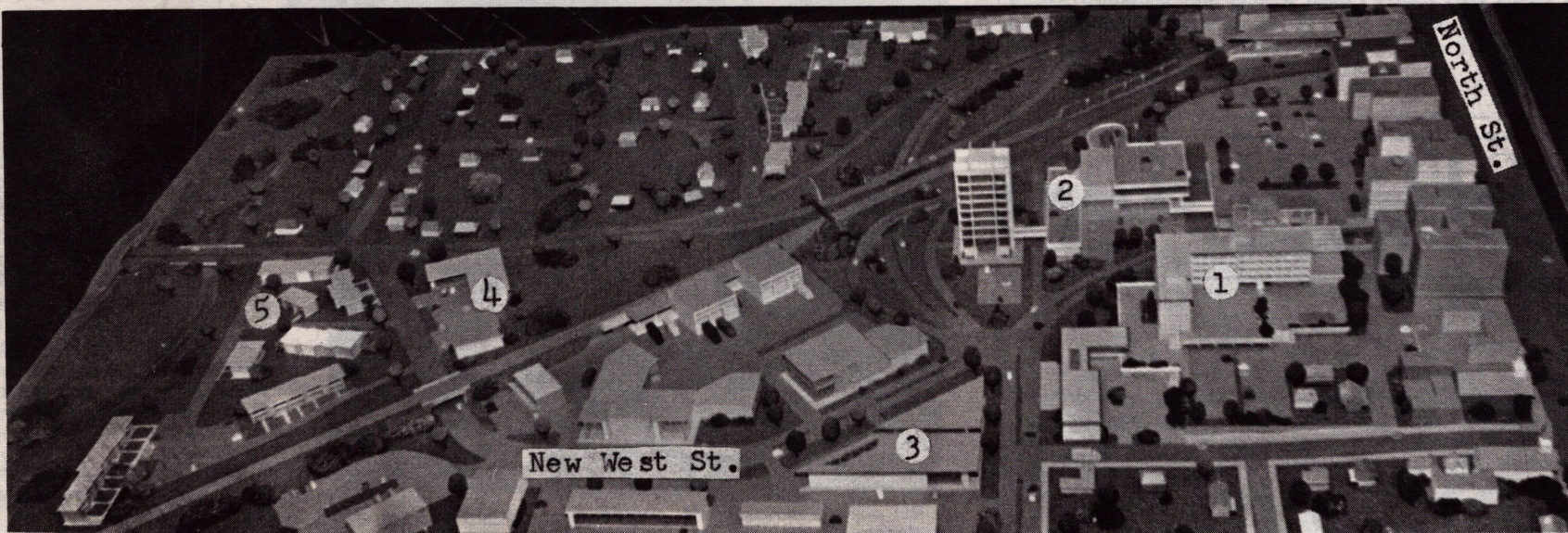
In General

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New Pittsfield



A look at the "New Pittsfield" is provided in this model prepared by the Pittsfield Housing Authority.

Photo by Bill Gleason

By JUDY GIFTOS and CAROLE SELIN

Pittsfield is now undergoing a transformation of both its suburb and urban communities. Opening soon will be two retail stores, Bradlees and Stop and Shop, which are located off Merrill Road and Dalton Avenue. The massive building for the Grand Union Empire is almost completed, and the Friendly on Elm Street is under construction. An estimated 400 employees will be needed to fill positions in these stores.

Some may wonder why these companies have chosen Pittsfield. Although most people in Pittsfield don't realize it, our city is at a prosperous stage. Our average wage is higher than that of the state. Of all the major cities in Massachusetts, Pittsfield has the highest percentage of families with an annual income of over \$10,000. Therefore, we have more money to spend on food and clothing, and businesses are attracted to our city.

At present the Pittsfield Airport is constructing a new building and installing a better lighting system for safer nighttime landings. Also, our city post

Office is planning to move to a new building on the corner of Fenn and Willis Streets.

The greatest project yet to come for Pittsfield is the sixty acre Jubilee Urban Renewal Project. The cost of this project will be shouldered by the federal government which pays two-thirds of the cost, the state which pays one sixth, and the city which assumes the remaining one-sixth. The project, located in the West Street area, will draw business back into the downtown area. The plans include a hotel (1), and a shopping plaza (2), consisting of an Adams Supermarket, an exclusive department store, a ten-story office building and satellite stores. On New West Street there will be a complete automotive center (3), a neighborhood shopping center (4), and a housing project (5). In order to alleviate traffic problems and make the downtown area more accessible the project plans to re-route New West Street, Depot Street and other streets. The parking situation in the downtown area will also be improved by the Jubilee project. It will

open up the existing parking areas and will require that all incoming businesses provide and maintain their own parking areas.

Complementing the Jubilee project will be the Columbus project, extending along the railroad tracks, bordered by Summer Street and Francis Avenue. Part of this project will be a shopping plaza where the Textile Store now stands. This plaza will have a department store, Airrights, which will extend over the railroad tracks. The remainder of the project will include apartment housing.

Although these projects are fully planned by the Pittsfield Housing Authority and approved by the City Council, it will be several years before they can be completed.

"Nice Job"

By SANDY GULL

While many of us were lounging in the warm, tanning sun by the lakeside and sipping a refreshing coke, a group of 36 boys from the ages of 16 to 21 were participating in a program that gave them work, experience, a chance to build-up muscles, knowledge of math and English and last but not least, a sizable bank account. They were members of the Neighborhood Youth Corps whose program ran from July 8th to August 27th.

The boys were divided into four groups, each headed by a foreman who was also a teacher. These separate groups specialized in a certain phase of work, such as blacktopping, which was done to improve the appearances of most of the city's respective school areas.

Each week of this program, which was affiliated with the over-all anti-poverty program, was made up of 7 hour workdays: 6 hours of work, 1 hour of basic math and English. And, at the end of their long, hot summer, they were well rewarded with a payment of minimum wages.

So, it can be said that the Neighborhood Youth Corps was a great success in Pittsfield. It couldn't have gone so well, however, without the help of many teachers and schools department officials who were interested in the welfare of the city's youth.

PHS Improvements

By MORRIS KOPELS

The numerous interior and exterior improvements that were completed during the summer at the high school will both enhance the beauty and better the facilities of the building.

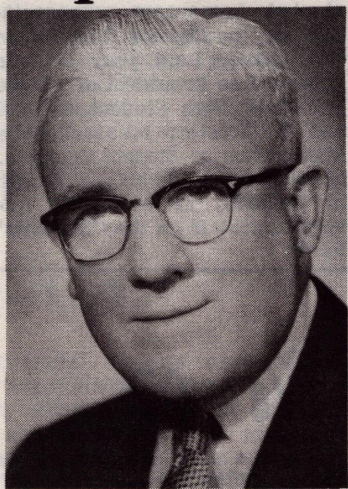
To prevent unnecessary "drips," the roof was repaired. No longer will students be required to walk through the drab third floor halls but, rather through newly painted ones. To accentuate the stately grandeur of PHS the outside woodwork was also repainted. No longer will one half of the building think it is 9 a.m. while the other side thinks it's 2 p.m. — there are new clocks in each room

and a new master clock has been installed in the renovated main office. In order to accommodate this year's 2050 pupils, two emergency exits were built to conform with established fire laws.

Finally, the formerly ancient biology laboratories were completely refurnished into ultra-modern science rooms. Now each student will be confronted by his own electrical outlet for convenience in using the equipment. Of equal importance are the new gas fixtures and plumbing.

Though a needed new high school has not been constructed there are a number of factors that have made PHS a nicer place to spend six hours a day.

Superintendent Speaks



Superintendent Reynolds

Welcome back! Walls may bulge a bit, and classes may be held in some unlikely places, but as Superintendent of Schools, I am happy to extend greetings to the students of Pittsfield High School. It is an added pleasure to be able to do so in the columns of In General whose staff and

advisor rate high praise for the fine format and lively content of this paper.

You are entering a new school year at a time when President Johnson has promised additional major bills with the intent of bolstering education as "the central goal of this administration... the first among all this nation's goals." The July White House Conference on Education reflected the excitement and change that are advancing education's frontier. Many of the delegates were young — all described as reformers, activists and innovators. A week later the Conference Chairman, John W. Gardner, became our new U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Last June's graduating class set quite a goal for you seniors to meet or beat. Their record of merit awards and college scholarships was an admirable one. I hope that each of you will work so effectively that June 1966 will find you setting new records and able to further your

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Among the improvements at PHS this year are new biology labs. Here a workman puts on the finishing touches two days before the opening of school.

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EDITORIAL

Tuesday, June 15, 1965

School Spirit

If one looks in Webster's New World Dictionary for a definition of spirit, he will find that this word has multiple meanings: it can mean a "supernatural being" or "a frame of mind" or "a liquid produced by the distillation of certain materials..." However, the meaning that particularly concerns you, as students at PHS, is the one which stated that spirit is "vivacity, courage, enthusiasm, etc.; and enthusiastic loyalty: as school spirit." Why, you ask? Here's why . . .

To begin with, our school has a number of boys who participate in varsity athletics — football, soccer, basketball, hockey, track, baseball and golf, and these boys most likely enjoy the particular sport (or sports) they play, or, obviously, they would not participate in these sports activities. Yet, there is something which helps these boys in their struggle to "fight, score, and win" — that something is school spirit.

Actually school spirit cannot be defined perfectly. It can only be felt. One senses it at a football or basketball game, or, better yet, at a rally. This spirit is the highest emotional feeling of the students, which works up to an almost riotous pitch. Many times this type of emotional feeling is never reached and many students at PHS in the past possibly never really felt this terrific school spirit. That's where you shouldn't miss out. It's up to you not to miss out.

The past few years have seen school spirit at PHS decline. What is the cause of this decline? Most likely it is those few students who feel that school spirit is "kid stuff." These few students can, strangely enough, ruin everyone's morale, if they are let to do so. What, then, can be done? The majority can rule. Don't let this minority of students ruin all the fun. Don't sit back and watch these few students make a mockery of your school; take pride in your school — show school spirit!

Welcome Sophomores

It is the usual procedure for the juniors and seniors at PHS to welcome the new faces (sophomores obviously) at the school in unusual ways. Sophomores are usually welcomed to the "over-crowded lobbies, His and Her locker sections, seventeen minute lunch periods, six flights of stairs between lockers and home-rooms, rotating cafeteria chairs, segregated lunch rooms, six period days with no break except for the third period bulletin, and to basketball games played on school nights with departmental exams the next day" but, this year you sophomores are to be welcomed almost as equals and will be allowed to enjoy almost as many privileges as the juniors and seniors.

Letter to the Editor

To The Sophomores

To The Editor

Every sophomore class (ours excluded, of course) has become successively radical in dress and action and it appears that this year's class is carrying on that tradition. If you have ever noticed a sophomore (you can't help but notice two people carrying four textbooks, five notebooks, and carrying a lunch heading towards the dome), you will notice he always has that "lost look" on his face. Could it be because he is not a well informed person?

Note please, a well informed person is an upperclassman who carries one textbook, one notebook, and a subscription to "In General". Of course you can only

become an upperclassman with time and the one notebook and one textbook goes along with that privilege, but anyone can subscribe to "In General".

Don't you wish we had more well informed people?

Barb Conti

—o—

Letters to the editor will be accepted in room 143 any day. The letters must be signed by the writer.

Subjects may cover school issues, current events, sports, or any other pertinent subject.

Also, any group of individuals wishing to send in a letter may do so.

Staff Editors Named



Photo by Dave Glodt

In General staff editors are, from left to right and top to bottom, Bill Gleason, Joam Mason, Kathy Polidoro, Pete Spina, Phil Degnan, Mary Garvey, Jim Curly, and Stan Graves. Absent when picture was taken were Carole Selin, Mark Mitchell, and Jo Ann Duff

Eleven Are Chosen

"In General" is looking forward to a bright second year as our school newspaper under the direction of the new staff editors. The paper takes this opportunity to acquaint you with them.

Business manager Jim Curley is a member of the basketball team and as a sophomore was elected representative to the Pep Club.

Stan Graves, our Boys' Sports editor, is a member of the football team and belonged to the track team for two years. Last year he served on the Ring Committee and was co-chairman of the Program Committee for the Junior Prom.

The editor of Girls' Sports is Jo Ann Duff, a varsity cheerleader, who also serves on the staff of the "Students' Pen". A homeroom representative last year, she was a member of both G.A.A. and the Pep Club.

Mary Garvey and Kathy Polidoro are co-editors of the Features' Staff. Mary was a homeroom representative and belonged to both G.A.A. and the Pep Club. Kathy, who was also a member of G.A.A., was elected as sophomore representative to the Pep Club. Both are taking English honors.

Joan Mason and Carol Selin co-edit Current Events. Joan, a cadette belonged to the Pep Club and as a sophomore was homeroom representative. Before becoming co-editor she belonged to both Features and Current Events' Staff. Carol, also a cadette, is taking two honors subjects — math and English. She was on the Music Committee for the Junior Prom and is currently co-editor of the Students' Pen Short Story Section.

Phil Degnan is our advertising editor. A DeMolay member, he belonged to the Pep Club last year, and served on the Ticket Committee of the Junior Prom.

Photography co-editors are Bill Gleason and Mark Mitchell. Bill, who has played Intramural Basketball, was in the band for two years and was also on the Photography Staff of the "Students' Pen". Mark was a member of the Pep Club and intends to try out for the Golf Team.

Pete Spina, our Circulation Editor, was President of the Junior Class last year. He was elected homeroom representative on the Student Council for two years. Last year he was chosen Vice President of both the Pittsfield High Student Council and the Western Massachusetts Association of Student Councils. In addition to his activities with In General, he is on the Advertising Staff on the "Students' Pen".

"Get Whitey"

By JOAN MASON

Last month's rioting in the Watts section of Los Angeles perhaps will prove to be a turning point in the civil rights movement — an event more significant than the infamous slayings of Medgar Evers, James Reeb, and Viola Liuzzo. This expression of discontent in a community typical of thousands across the country indicates that not all negroes will be satisfied with Martin Luther King's brand of non-violent action. It is obvious that civil rights leaders have failed to reach and help the lower class Negro population and that the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Bills are only tokenism to those most deprived of their rights. People are beginning to realize that all is not well.

In spite of the fact that the Watts riots aroused the apathetic public, many will be alienated from the civil rights movement by the violence employed. The blind hatred in the cries of "Get Whitey" are as repugnant and terrifying as the causes for this feeling. Civil rights leaders have expressed great distress at the events in California, and

Your Newspaper

The year-old monthly newspaper, which sums up the current events of PHS, is the "In General". The staff comprised of seniors, juniors, and sophomores, which is headed by the Editor-in-Chief, Shaun Harrington, consists of the Associate Editors, Features, Sports, Current Events, Advertising Manager, and Photography, each of these has their own staff. The advisor, who helps organize the paper, is Miss Archey.

Each month the paper is sold by the entire staff, for only .15 or may be subscribed to for \$1.00 per year.

So, if you want to be "in" with the "In Crowd" at PHS, buy this GREAT paper, OUR paper — "In General".

The President has responded with a scathing indictment of the rioters. If violence should continue, it seems probable that the cause will lose much support.

It must be hoped that after the eye-opening happenings of last month, protests will turn non-violent. Violence is a gamble usually resulting in heavy losses and slim gains. The Los Angeles statistics of 36 dead, hundreds injured and \$200 million damage are proof enough that violence is an unsatisfactory method. It must be hoped that the leaders of the country will take warning from Watts and begin immediately to eliminate the deplorable conditions that caused this ventable rebellion.

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PHS Edges WRHS 7-6

By STAN GRAVES

PHS opened their football season and the Western Mass. Class A Conference last Saturday with a sloppy victory over Wahconah Regional. Plagued by penalties, fumbles, and hot weather, the Generals eked out a 7-6 win over a powerful Dalton team. At half-time, the teams went into the locker room stalemated, 0-0, with neither one being able to mount a scoring drive in the first twenty minutes.

Late in the third quarter, with still no score in the ball game, things started happening. After a series of four or five off-sides penalties in a row, PHS was inside their own ten with their backs to the wall, and forced to punt. A roughing - the -kicker penalty brought the ball out to the 24 yard-line, but it was still fourth down and a punting situation. A bad snap from center sent the ball into the end zone. Quarterback-punter Tom Grieve rushed back to pick up the ball. Before he was back across the goal line, a jarring tackle caused him to fumble and the ball was recovered by Dalton's Dave Culverwell for a Wahconah TD. Middle linebacker Mitch Masaconi made what was later to be the game-saving play, by stopping the attempted run for the point-after just short of the goal line.

Fired up by this set back, the generals received the Wahconah kickoff and started their 70 yard scoring drive in the closing minutes of the third quarter. Grieve threw a series of completed passes to end Pete Vacchina to move them to the Wahconah 28. Fleet-footed junior halfback, Tony Gibson then broke loose over his right guard to score the tying touchdown. Grieve expertly split the crossbars for the game-winning extra point.

Rallies Slated

Rallies for the PHS football team will be held during "B" periods on October 8 and 29 and on November 10.

As usual the affairs will be complimented by the cheerleaders, the PHS Band, and the Cadets.

All upperclassmen have joined in a wish that the sophomores will help make our rallies as exciting and uplifting as ever.

New Cheering Advisor

It was announced today that Miss Theresa Tierney will once again act as advisor to the Pittsfield High cheerleaders and to the PHS Pep Club.

The task of advisor to the two groups includes overseeing the planning of each rally and the transporting of cheerleaders to all away football and basketball games.

Miss Tierney has held the position for the past two years.

G.A.A.

The Girls' Athletic Association, better known as the G.A.A., is an organization which provides various activities for girls during the school year. In order to become a member of this active group, a small fee of \$1 is required upon joining. Besides after school sports, girls may take part in the various social events scheduled throughout the year. Each of these activities is planned by the G.A.A. Board of Directors, consisting of 8 senior, 5 juniors, 2 sophomores, and Miss McNaughton, G.A.A. advisor.

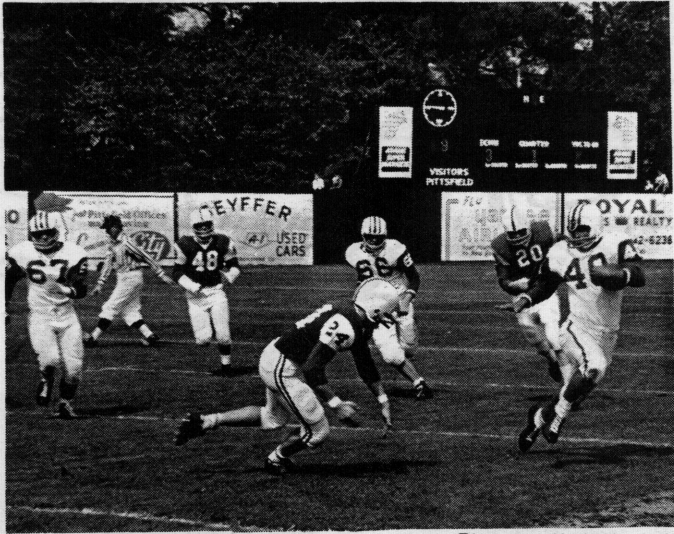


Photo by Mark Mitchell

Fleet halfback Tony Gibson, No. 40, scoots around end for a gain against Wahconah Regional in last Saturday's tilt, which PHS won 7-6. Other PHS players pictured are Bruce Robertson (67) and Fred Salomone (66).

Girls Afield

By JO ANN DUFF

After the usual back-to-school chaos has calmed down and Miss Mac and Miss Morgan have finally assigned the girls gym lockers, it will be time for girls' after school sports to begin. Most of the seniors and juniors have witnessed girls frantically chasing a little ball around the field, mercilessly whacking it (and each other) with a long wooden stick. However, for those of you who have never had the experience of watching this game called field hockey, perhaps it would be a good idea to explain.

On The March

By DORTHY AUGENSTEIN

The Cadettes, Pittsfield High's girls drill team of 42 members are under the direction of Miss Mac. Twenty-one girls are chosen in the spring of their sophomore year so that the group consists of 21 Juniors and 21 Seniors.

Summer vacation ended early for the Cadettes this year. They began practicing August 30 to prepare for the first football game. This was the first time that the new junior Cadettes had performed. They are looking forward to their "debut" with a great deal of enthusiasm.

For the '65-66 season the Junior Cadette officers are Beverly Rainforth and Jane Sammons and Manager, Pat Koza. Seniors are Carole Selin, Helen Zuorski, Gail Danckert, and Debbie Butler with Barb Conti as manager.

The Cadettes hope this year will be an exciting one for PHS — chock full of school spirit and victories!

PHS

Beat Tech

Tomorrow

Soccer Begins 2nd Year

Booters Open

NBL Slate Today

By DAVE GLODT

The Pittsfield High soccer team plays its second game this afternoon as the boosters face Wahconah Regional High of Dalton in their first Northern Berkshire Soccer League tilt.

The game is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the Wahconah field.

After a non-league game on Tuesday with Lebanon (N.Y.) Central the purple and white eleven indicate they are ready to start the NBL schedule in fine style.

Leading the squad into today's encounter will be co-captains Jim Garstang and Charlie Goodrich. Garstang will be working the center-halfback slot while Good-

rich will play center-forward.

Coach Ralph Gionet says the team is strong but, is quick to add that the defense will not be as tight as last years. On the plus side the coach says there certainly will be improvement offensively. Gionet points to first year goalie Mike Smith as the strongest link in the defense with Galen Politis, Bruce Geller, and Ulrich Greilich returning to hold the attackers.

Other returners who will be starting are Bob Sides, Bill Winslow, Silvana Mastrodicasa, and Bob Sepclika.

In October PHS home soccer games will be played Oct. 1, Mt. Greylock; Oct. 8, Adams; Oct. 15, Wahconah; Oct. 19, Lenox; Oct. 22, Mt. Greylock. All games will be played at the Egremont School field with a starting time of 3:30 p.m.

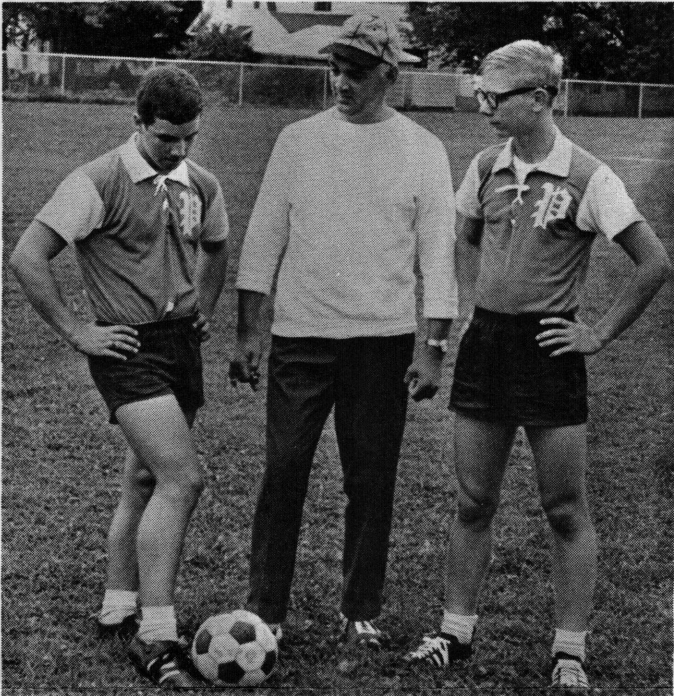


Photo by Dave Glodt

PHS soccer co-captains, Charlie Goodrich, at left, and Jim Garstang, stand ready with coach Ralph Gionet for their first league game today.

The bell
of the fall.



Listen. This bell-sleeved empire by E. T. of California is "ringing in" the fall. And all eyes are swinging its way.

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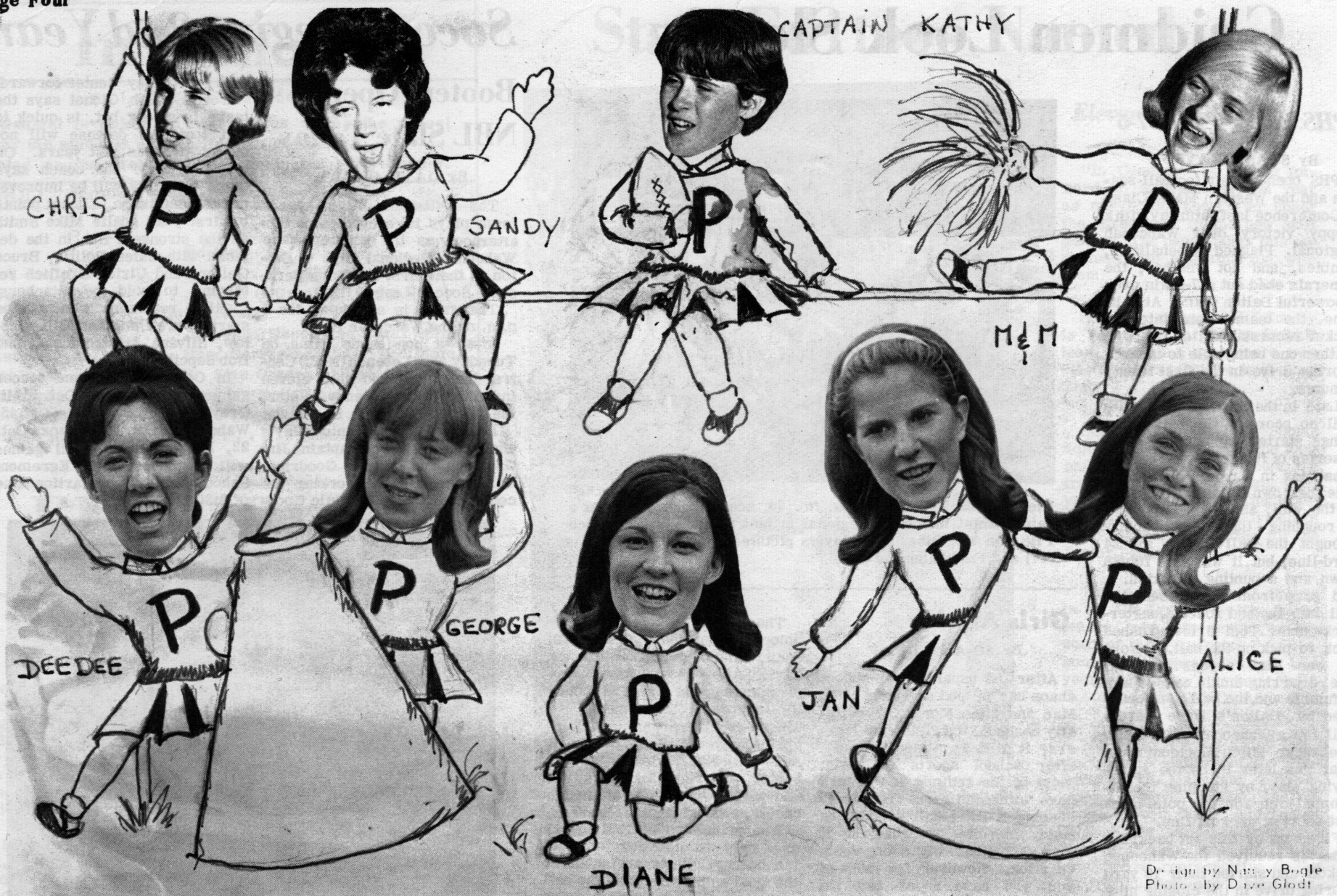
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"Set Up, PHS Cheerleaders"

By MARY ELLEN GARVEY

This fall, nine energetic and dedicated girls will begin their year as varsity cheerleaders. The football and basketball games at which they will cheer will be the result of nearly a year of learning and practice. In General is confident that they will receive the appreciation and support they deserve. Now let's meet our spirited squad!

Captain Kathy Conry, a member of the student council, vice-president of GAA, editor of girls sports for The Pen, and a staff member of The Dome, lists swimming as her favorite sport.

Denise Ferland, whose extracurricular activities include playing the piano, is a homeroom representative, a member of the Pep Club, GAA, and The Pen.

Treasurer of PHI-HI-Y and a member of the Pep Club, GAA, a staff member of In General and The Dome, Diane Shepard also enjoys playing the guitar and painting.

Janice Fugman loves to ski and bowl and is active in many other sports; her school activities include memberships in Pep Club and GAA.

Joann Duff is a member of Pep Club, GAA, editor of girls' sports of In General, The Pen, and a homeroom representative.

Sandy Mullany, a commercial student, says her favorite hobby is sports, especially swimming, bowling and roller skating. Sandy is a member of Pep Club and GAA.

Also a commercial student, Mary Brady is a member of Pep Club, GAA, a staff-member of the Dome, and was secretary of the Junior Class. 'M & M's' favorite hobbies are swimming and water-skiing.

A member of Pep Club and GAA, Chris Belland spends her spare time swimming, reading or skiing.

Alice McInerney, who enjoys sailing and skiing is a member of Pep Club, GAA, Students' Pen, and The Dome.

Extracurricular Activities

Math Club

Do you enjoy math? Would you like to further your knowledge on mathematical techniques? Then, why not join the Math Club. The members meet about twice a month. Occasionally there is a guest speaker from either General Electric or an insurance company, who explains advanced mathematical procedures to the students. The advisors of the club give the members difficult math problems to solve which not only give them personal satisfaction but also prepare them for the complex math problems which arise in contests they may enter in order to win scholarships. If you want to learn more math than is presented to you in your regular math course, contact Mr. French or Mr. Broderick, who are the advisors.

Students Pen

The traditional magazine of PHS is the 'Students' Pen, which is published four times yearly. This magazine gives an insight on all the high school activities.

There are two major divisions—the main division consists of many departments some of which are: Boys and Girls Sports, Features, Essays, Who's Who, and Short Stories. The other division, which is the advertising staff, has its own advisor and manger also. Each division is composed of all classes, and is open to anyone who wishes to join.

In order to subscribe, one may pay \$1.25 for the year, or .35 per issue.

Writers and Illustrators

There is an informal club at PHS where students express their ideas and feelings by means of writing and illustrating.

The members are divided into the two groups — each writer creates a story based on a particular concept, then the illustrators construct a drawing which reflects their interpretation of the basic meaning behind the story. Sometimes the method is reversed and the illustrators sketch a picture from which the writers are able to compose a story. Often, discussions and arguments arise about certain aspects and the members have to explain their work. This challenging club meets once a week, so if you are interested in writing or illustrating, consider joining the Writers and Illustrators.

Chess Club

Anyone for chess? If you are one of the many people who enjoy a game of concentration, this is the club for you. This club convenes one day a week after school during which a series of tournaments are played in order to determine the top five. Then, these five boys compete with other high schools and junior colleges in an additional tournament.

Sophomore in Cafeteria—"My teeth just stepped on my tongue."

Superintendent

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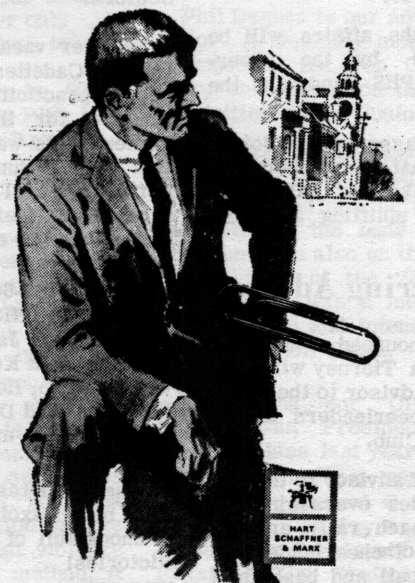
own plans for a fruitful life.

Juniors, take advantage of the fact that you still have two years during which you can complete the foundations necessary for your post-high school activities.

Sophomores, although your class is divided because of our

unfortunate lack of adequate space, do employ fully and well all the facilities and opportunities awaiting you. Your use of the next three years will do much to determine your ultimate success or failure.

To all, again, a warm welcome and a sincere wish that the 1965-66 school year will be for all of you a happy and successful one.



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